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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>OPPE JC</i>	<i>NOV 28 2003</i>	<i>Application Number</i>	09/586,235
		<i>Filing Date</i>	June 2, 2003
		<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Hasan et al.
		<i>Group Art Unit</i>	1642
		<i>Examiner Name</i>	Stephen L. Rawlings, Ph.D.
		<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	910000-2005

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under C.F.R. § 1.114.

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- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on September 22, 2003 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other Declaration
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Preliminary Amendment In Conjunction With A Request For Continued Examination Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 And Request For Interview
 - ii. Drawing Amendment w/formal versions of drawings
 - iii. Request for One (1) Month Extension of Time
 - iv. Other _____

Miscellaneous

2. a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103© for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)

b. Other _____

Fees

3. a. The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. One (1) Check in the amount of (1) \$385.00 is enclosed for the following:
 - i. (1) RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e): Small Entity 12/02/2003 AWONDAF1 00000017 09586235
 - ii. (1) Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17) 01 FC:2801 385.00 OP
 - iii. (2) Added claims fee
 - iv. Other
- b. The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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